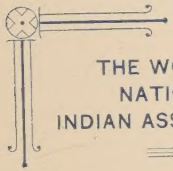

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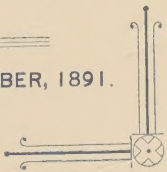

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The Young People's Department,

BY ITS CHAIRMAN,

MISS MARIE E. IVES.

Progress and hope are the two words which best symbolize the Young People's Department to-day,—progress in the past, hope for the future.

The plan of work has been quite different from that first contemplated. No attempt has been made during this year to form special clubs of boys and girls for Indian work. It was found that the desired young people were almost invariably already enlisted in Sunday-schools, societies of Christian Endeavor, King's Daughters and Sons, Helping Hand Societies, Ministering Children's Leagues, Mission Bands, and a host of other good, active societies. To reach the young people through these, and to secure the interest and aid of scattered individuals the country over, has been the aim and endeavor of the department

The most effective means to this end yet found has been the press. Articles have been written for the *Silver Cross*, *Lend a Hand*, *Christian Union*, *Golden Rule*, *Sunday-School Times*, *Indian's Friend*, Boston *Transcript*, Springfield *Republican*, Philadelphia *Methodist*, Chicago *Advance*, *Christian at Work*, *Reformed Church Messenger*, and *Look Out*. Also, judging from letters received proffering aid, articles, or extracts from them,

must have been reprinted in the New York *Ledger* and the *Quiver*.

In additon to this press work seven short articles and special appeals have been written, reproduced by means of a hektograph, to the number of five hundred, and sent to societies of Christian Endeavor and King's Daughters. A leaflet, entitled "Societies of Christian Endeavor and the Indian To-day," was also prepared and printed and 1,000 of them distributed at the State Convention in Toledo, and the National Convention in Minneapolis.

The results have been both surprising and cheering. Letters have come from all over the United States, and even from Canada, (400 during the year), expressing regret at ignorance of the work, desire for information, and frequently containing proffers of aid. From the Western States, whose people are generally supposed to be indifferent and even hostile to the Indians, have come some of the warmest expressions of interest. Clergymen, physicians, business men and superintendents of Indian schools have sought information. Parents have written, "We do not wish our children to be as ignorant of this question as we have been." Sunday-school teachers have asked, "How can we interest our classes?" Leaders of circles, Christian Endeavor societies, and others have planned missionary meetings to discuss the Indian question.

Some clubs, several composed of boys (with joy be it recorded!), propose throughout the winter to study the subject, and have asked for information concerning methods of conducting the study, as they "hope to accomplish some really good work." The children themselves, some as young as seven years of age, have, out of their warm little hearts, sent queries of "What can I do?"

Your chairman has only wished she had more wisdom, and the power to wield a dozen pens instead of one, that she might fan into an enduring flame these sparks of interest which have flashed so brightly in every direction.

Possibly a better idea of the widespread character of the work can be gained by the statement that the letters

have come from thirty-three States and Territories; and subscribers to *The Indian's Friend*, (over one hundred in number,) have been obtained in twenty-two States.

Besides answering these letters, to almost every one of the searchers for knowledge has been forwarded a complete set of last year's reports of our departments of work, so that hundreds of leaflets have been thus put in circulation where they would do most good.

Thirty-seven addresses of places where boxes were needed have been furnished to individuals and societies, but reports that they were sent have only come from twenty. Many of these were financially valuable, several being worth fifty dollars or more, and all were rich in the cheer and comfort they brought to the recipients,—rich also in the tender, loving thoughts which accompanied them. The members of one circle, although deprived of the blessings of speech and hearing, can yet forget themselves in work for others. They have sent a box, and are now busily at work raising money. These "Silent Daughters of the King" still speak. May many listen!

Numerous young people have also offered to send newspapers and magazines, but as these have always been referred to the Committee on Indian Libraries, and have not since reported, as they should do, to this department, no statistics can be given here. There is one exception, however. The Jamaica Plain Indian Association reports that twenty-five boys and girls have been regularly sending their papers and magazines to Indians, and have also assisted in furnishing reading matter for a school at Greenwood, South Dakota.

The money received this year has been chiefly in small sums and from many givers. The exception here, too, must be credited to Jamaica Plain, Mass., two of whose young people held a fair and cleared one hundred and fifty dollars for the hospital at Crow Creek, South Dakota. All the other gifts were small in amount, but full of significance from the spirit in which they were given. Is not money precious which a mother consecrates in memory of a little daughter who has passed beyond her sight?

Or that given by one who "loves missions?" Or the offering of one who "gives willingly," believing the "dear Heavenly Father will accept it, even though it be small?" Surely gifts are precious ones which are accompanied, as most have been, with a prayer for God's blessing on the work and workers.

A new method of raising money by means of the "pin-money card" has reecently been adopted. It promises great results for the future, when it shall have had time to really test its wings. Already it has secured forty dollars for the purchase of an organ for our new mission among the Florida Seminoles, and is now at work for various other objects, as a kindergarten set, or a fund from which missionaries can draw to purchase necessities and comforts for the sick, or one for a hospital.

The Young People's Department has paused, almost reluctantly, to give this backward look over its past year's life, happy and busy as it has been. Its eager glances are cast ahead; it already sees extended hands of help; it already hears sweet voices of encouragement and promise. It regards the past as a stepping-stone to better things, and with courage and hope turns gladly to the future.

List of boxes and packages sent by the Young People's Department, from November, 1890 to November, 1891:

Maine, West Bath.

King's Daughters, Mrs. S. P. Donnell, sent three boxes and a package of reading matter to Mrs. Duigan, Arcata, Cal. Value not given.

Massachusetts, Brookline.

Sewing Society, Mrs. J. S. Howe, sent box of children's garments to Dr. Carlos Montezuma, Elko, Nevada. Value $60 00

Massachusetts, Waltham.

Miss Alice M. Williston, large bundle of basted patchwork; Unknown Friend, bundle of silks and ribbons. Sent by Chairman to Mrs. Amelia Martin, Crescent Mills, Cal. Value $3 00

Rhode Island, Providence.

Mrs. Thomas B. Stockwell, from Estate of Nancy Marsh, deceased, sent a box of toys, ribbons, etc., to Charles Hall, Crescent Mills, Cal. Value not given.

From the same city, "Ten of '89," First Universalist church, Miss Mabel S. Calef, secretary, sent a box of toys to J. H. Seger, Seger Colony, Darlington, Indian Territory. Value $5 00

Rhode Island, Newport.

"The Willing Workers," Miss Bertha Peckham, secretary, sent a box to the school at San Carlos, Arizona. Value $50 00

Connecticut, New Haven.

"The Pearl Gatherers," Miss Katharine Gillette, secretary, sent a Christmas box to Fort Hall, Idaho. Value not given.

From the same city, "Whatsoever Circle," Mrs. C. F. Alling, sent basted blocks for a bedquilt to Fort Hall, Idaho. Value not given.

From South Coventry.

Ramona Band, Mrs. Lydia A. Mason, sent box to Fort Hall, Idaho. Value $50 00

From Suffield.

"The Thoughtful Circle," Miss Hattie B. Austin, secretary, sent a box of miscellaneous articles to Miss Lizzie Goodin, Cook's Camp, Indian Territory. Value $5 00

New York City.

Miss Amy Hill sent box of picture books, toys, etc., to Mr. B. S. Coppock, Arkansas City, Kansas. Value not given.

Miss A. E. Denny sent a box of toys to Miss Grace Howard, Crow Creek Agency, South Dakota. Value $3 00

"Silent Daughters of the King," Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, sent a box of miscellaneous articles to Dr. Susan La Flesche, Omaha Agency, Nebraska. Value not given.

From Brooklyn.

Young Ladies' Guild, Plymouth church, sent a Christmas box to Thomas Miles, Sac and Fox Agency, Indian Territory. Value not given.

The "Whatsoever Ye Would" Circle, Miss Mary K. Berg, secretary, sent a box of toys to the Cheyenne school, Darlington, Indian Territory.

New York, Chappaqua.

"Be Ready Circle," Mrs. George Hunt, sent a box to Miss Goodin, Cook's Camp, South Dakota. Value not given.

Hamilton.

Mission Band, Mrs. Lilla D. Patterson, sent a box (work bags, stocked) to Dr. J. E. Brecht, Myers, Florida. Value $25 00

Maryland, Daniels.

Miss Ida Shipley sent a package of literature to Dr. J. E. Brecht, Myers, Florida. Value not given.

West Virginia, Charleston.

King's Daughters, Miss May Dana, sent a package of papers and picture cards to the school at Keam's Canon, Arizona. Value not given.

Illinois, Chicago.

Miss Mary L. Butler sent a large package of silk pieces to Mrs Martin, Crescent Mills, Cal. Value not given.

Financial report of the Young People's Department from November 16th, 1890, to November 16th, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Sums Under One Dollar.

By postage stamps	$ 90
Miss Ada A. Whitehouse, W. Ashford, Conn.	50
Miss Maria P. White, N. Brookfield, Mass. .	70
Mr. E. B. Fuller, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	70
Miss Goodfellow, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. . .	70
Mrs. McCallum, Northampton, Mass. . . .	20

Miss F. A. Roop, Philadelphia, Pa.	40	
Miss Emma G. Scott, Lebanon, Pa.	20	
Miss Louise Chamberlain, Moorestown, N. J.	20	
Miss Mary L. Warrington, Moorestown, N. J.	30	
Mr. E. Pfeiffer, Fremont, Ohio	70	
Mrs. H. A. Fischer, Wheaton, Ill.	70	
Mr. George Martin, Chicago, Ill.	70	
Mrs. M. T. Gridley, New Haven, Conn. . . .	70	
Miss Sadie W. Ingersoll, Marengo, Ill. . . .	20	
Miss Alice Hall, Dayton. Ohio	10	
Mr. Henry Weimann, Oskaloosa, Iowa . . .	10	
Miss Amelia P. Tompkins, Lawrence, Mass. .	20	
		$8 20
Miss Mamie E. Curd, Louisville, Ky.		6 00
Miss Mary E. Scranton, New Haven, Conn. . .		5 00
Young Ladies' Guild, Clinton Avenue church, Brooklyn N. Y., for Zuni woman		5 00
The Connecticut Indian Association		4 00
Christian Endeavor Society, N. Branford, Conn., for Conn. Ind. Ass'n.		5 00
Miss Lillian Goodale, Waltham, Mass.		3 00
Miss Laura N. Richards, Saratoga, California .		10 00
Mrs. O. F. Murphy, Mt. Vernon, Ohio		1 00
Christian Endeavor Society, Mt Vernon, N. Y., for Zuni woman		5 00
Christian Endeavor Society, New London, Conn., for Conn. Ind. Ass'n		5 00
Christian Endeavor Society, Southington, Conn., for Conn. Ind. Ass'n		1 25
Miss Annie L. Payson, Foxboro, Mass		5 00
Mrs. F. L. Cady, Mansfield, Mass		5 00
Mr. George J. Cochran, St. Louis, Mo.		1 00
A friend of Missions, Stratham, N. H		2 00
Miss Hannah C. Baumgartner, W. Marietta, Ohio.		1 00
"Ramona Circle," South Coventry, Conn., for Conn. Ind. Ass'n		14 00
Subscriptions to *The Indian's Friend*.		30 30
Young People's Fair, Jamaica Plain, Mass., for Crow Creek Hospital		150 00
Sale of pin money cards		1 40

Pin Money Cards.

Miss Mabel Vaughan, Westville, Conn.	$ 50	
Miss Virginia Osborn, New Haven, Conn	2 50	
Miss Marie E. Ives	5 00	
Mrs. David Daggett	2 50	
Miss M. G. Brainard, New London, Conn	2 60	
Miss A. E. Denny, New York city	2 50	
Miss Martha Hasty, New York city	2 50	
Miss May Dana, Charleston W. Va	2 50	
Miss Alice E. Johnson, Newark, N. J.	5 00	
King's Sons, First Reformed church, Philadelphia, Pa.	2 50	
Mrs. W. E. Tunison, E. Orange, N. J	2 50	
"Whatsoever Circle," Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	2 50	
"Be Ready Circle," Chappaqua, N. Y.	2 50	
Miss Abby L. Andross, Fayetteville, N. Y	1 50	
Miss Amelia P. Tompkins, Lawrence, Mass.	5 00	
		42 10

Total receipts	$310 25

EXPENDITURES.

Bills unpaid last year	$10 85
Postage, stationery, etc	20 28
Materials for hektograph	2 25
Printing of leaflets	5 00
Purchase of Pin Money Cards	7 32
Subscriptions to *The Indian's Friend*	30 30
The Connecticut Indian Association	25 75
Mrs. Gen. Carr, for Zuni Woman	10 00
Organ for Seminole Mission	40 00
Hospital at Crow Creek, South Dakota	150 00
Total expenditures	$301 75
Balance, November 16, 1891	8 50
	$310 25

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FOR 1892.

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